

consist of the territory embraced within the fifth, seventh and eighth congressional districts.

SEC. 6. Two or more white companies, or two or more colored companies, organized in any military district, may form a battalion and elect a major and other battalion officers. Five or more white, or five or more colored companies, organized in any military district, may form a battalion and elect a lieutenant colonel, major, and other battalion officers. Ten white, or ten colored companies, organized in any military district, may form a regiment and elect a colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, and other regimental officers. Where two battalions or two regiments shall be organized in a military district, they may form a brigade, which shall take the number of the district in which it is formed, and it shall be the duty of the commander-in-chief to organize the companies of the state guard, in each military district, into battalions, regiments and brigades, as rapidly as they form; each regiment or battalion to be designated by number, and each company by letter, at the formation, and a record thereof made in the office of the adjutant general. And whenever the commander-in-chief shall form a battalion, or regiment of the state guard, he shall order at the same time an election to be held for the field officer or officers of such battalion or regiment, such election to be conducted as hereinafter provided.

Battalion under a major.

Battalion under a lieutenant colonel.

Regiments.

Brigade.

SEC. 7. To each brigade, regiment, battalion and company, there shall be the same commissioned and non-commissioned officers required by the regulations of the United States army.

Commissioned officers.

SEC. 8. The officers of the state guard shall be chosen as follows: Brigadier general, by the commander-in-chief; field officers of regiments and battalions, annually, by the written votes of the commissioned officers of the companies of the respective regiments or battalions; commissioned officers of companies, annually, by the written votes of the non-commissioned officers and privates of the respective companies; non-commissioned officers

Officers of the state guard chosen.

Field officers.

Commissioned officers.

Non-commissioned officers.